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### **Dispose of Your Medications at the Police Department on Saturday October 22**

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.,** (October, 2016) – The Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) is accepting prescription medications for disposal one day only, on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During the one-day event community members can stop by the police station at 625 Winslow Way East to dispose of their unwanted medications as part of the Drug Enforcement Agency's nationwide "Drug Take-Back Initiative." If you miss the event, please do not dispose of your medications in the trash or by flushing. Simply hold onto your medication until the next event. The DEA typically sponsors these bi-annual events in the spring and fall, and the BIPD will continue to participate. Please do not bring sharps to this event, which is specifically geared toward collecting unwanted medications only.

Police Chief Matthew Hamner adds, "It's important to dispose of unwanted medication in the safest, most environmentally responsible way and the BIPD is happy to provide that mechanism for our citizens."

#### Guidelines for the event:

1. Both controlled and non-controlled prescription substances including over the counter substances will be accepted.
2. You may deposit loose pills directly into the disposal box or submit the entire container. If you dispose of the entire container, we encourage you to remove personal identifying information from the prescription label by either removing it or obscuring it with a permanent marker.
3. Intravenous solutions, injectables, syringes, or medical waste **WILL NOT** be accepted.
4. All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel may not handle the medications at any time.

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